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# School Transit Subsidy

FY 2002 Proposed Operating Budget:	\$3,100,000
FY 2002 Proposed Capital Budget:	\$0

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The School Transit Subsidy ensures the safe passage of school children by subsidizing Metrobus and Metrorail ridership for eligible DC students.

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## Budget Summary

The FY 2002 proposed budget for the School Transit Subsidy program is \$3,100,000, an increase of \$100,000 or 3 percent over the FY 2001 approved budget of \$3,000,000 (table KD0-1). Because the funding is a subsidy, no full-time equivalents (FTEs) are associated with this program. This program receives 100 percent of its funding from local sources.

## Strategic Issues

The program is designed to make available subsidized Metrobus and Metrorail rides to ensure that all eligible District students have safe passage to school.

## FY 2002 Initiatives

- Distribute application blanks for bus tokens
- Certify the eligibility of students to travel on Metrobus and Metrorail
- Issue student cards to permit subsidized Metrorail travel
- Administer special programs for student travel during summers and on weekends
- Verify monthly student ridership

- Process quarterly subsidy payments to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

## Agency Background

The School Transit Subsidy Act of 1978, as amended, authorizes a transportation subsidy for District students; to be eligible students must

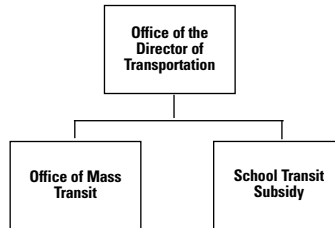
- Reside in the District of Columbia.
- Be younger than 19 years of age (22 years for students with disabilities).
- Be enrolled in a public, private, or parochial school in the District of Columbia.
- Need to use Metrobus or Metrorail for travel to and from school and related educational activities in the District.

## Programs

The \$3,100,000 budgeted for FY 2002 fully supports the agency mission. The Office of Mass Transit, Department of Public Works (figure KD0-1), manages all program initiatives in cooperation with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the D.C. Public Schools.

Figure KD0-1

## School Transit Subsidy



### Trend Data

Table KD0-2 shows expenditure history for FY 1998–2002.

### Agency Goals and Performance Measures

#### Goal 1. To provide subsidized Metrobus and Metrorail ridership to eligible District students.

*Citywide Strategic Priority Area:* Strengthening children, youth, families, and individuals;

Building and sustaining healthy neighborhoods

*Manager:* Douglas Stallworth, Transportation Planner

*Supervisor:* Alex Eckmann, Administrator

#### Measure 1.1: Number of rail cards issued (thousands)

	Fiscal Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Target	11.0	10.8	12.8	13.0	13.0
Actual	12.4	12.8	-	-	-

#### Measure 1.2: Number of token books issued (thousands)

	Fiscal Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Target	12.0	12.1	11.9	12.0	12.0
Actual	11.9	11.9	-	-	-

#### Measure 1.3: Monthly school ridership on Metrobus (thousands)

	Fiscal Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Target	290.0	291.7	275.0	280.0	280.0
Actual	291.7	275.0	-	-	-

Table KD0-1

## FY 2002 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

(dollars in thousands)

### School Transit Subsidy

	Actual FY 2000	Approved FY 2001	Proposed FY 2002	Change from FY 2001
Supplies and Materials	0	2	2	0
Contractual Services	0	117	117	0
Subsidies and Transfers	3,050	2,851	2,951	100
Equipment and Equipment Rental	0	30	30	0
<i>Subtotal Nonpersonal Services (NPS)</i>	<i>3,050</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,100</i>	<i>100</i>
<b>Total Proposed Operating Budget</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>100</b>

Table KD0-2

**Proposed Operating Budget, by Revenue Type**

(dollars in thousands)

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	<b>Actual FY 1998</b>	<b>Actual FY 1999</b>	<b>Actual FY 2000</b>	<b>Approved FY 2001</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2002</b>
Local	2,342	2,785	3,050	3,000	3,100
<b>Gross Funds</b>	<b>2,342</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,100</b>

**Measure 1.4: Monthly school ridership on Metrorail  
(thousands)**

	<b>Fiscal Year</b>				
	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Target	85.0	78.1	80.1	81.0	81.0
Actual	78.1	80.1	-	-	-